New Documents for February

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We received several catalogs, magazines, and brochures from our state colleges and universities this month. Many of these have color photographs highlighting the assets of our schools and include facts and statistics that would be of interest to prospective students. We also received the Governor's Executive Budget and the detailed Budget of the General Fund, Transportation, Education Improvement Act, and Education Lottery Revenues for 2008/2009. Other interesting state agency publications include:

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Smart Move: An Employer's Legal Guide to Hiring People with Disabilities. DDSN (D6302 2.S51 2007) This is a small publication with important information about hiring people with disabilities. In addition to information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, tax deductions, and the SC Second Injury Fund, it counters seven common myths about disabled workers with facts and statistics.

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The South Carolina Master Gardener Training Manual. Clemson (C5935Ex 3.C46 no.678) This book is the official reference text for the Master Gardener training. Topics included in this large (812 pages), comprehensive volume are soils and plant nutrition, composting, basic botany, weed management, indoor plants, home vegetable gardening, turfgrass, and many more. There are leaf drawings, color photographs, tables and graphs and other resources. The book is for sale through the Clemson University Public service Publishing (1-888-772-2665) for \$36.00.

BEARFACTS 1929-2006 The US Bureau of Economic Affairs has compiled a CD with data on personal income for the states, 1929-2006 (C 59.25:929-2006). BEARFACTS is a computer-generated narrative summary of data from Tables SA05 and SA05N, Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry. It presents growth rates for 2005-2006 and average annual growth rates for 1996-2006. The section on PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME (PCPI) presents that measure for the state, its rank among the states (the District of Columbia is included for ranking purposes), its size relative to PCPI for the Nation, and its growth rate.

The section on TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME (TPI) presents that measure for the state, its rank among the states (the District of Columbia is included for ranking purposes), its proportion of the national total, and its growth rate. The section on COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME presents TPI by three broad components: Earnings (wage and salary disbursements, supplements to wages and salaries, and proprietors' income, less contributions for government social insurance); dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts. For each of these components, the percent of TPI and the growth rate by place of residence are presented.

The section on EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK presents the amount and growth rate by place of work.

Southern Timber

This month we are also adding several documents from the Southern Research Station of the Forest Service on timber in the southeast. While none is entirely on South Carolina forests or timber industry, they all have information that may be of use and interest to those in the fields. Received are:

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The U.S. South's Timber Sector in 2005: A Prospective Analysis of Recent Change (A 13.88:SRS-99). This is an update of the 2002 Southern Forest Resource Assessment and covers demand and supply factors, forest products markets, investment climate, long-term demand, and paper production capacity. Overall, the publication indicates that long-term demand for solid wood products is strong, although demand for pulpwood to product paper will not rebound from 1990s markets. Included are 44 figures.

The South's Timber Industry: An Assessment of Timber Product Output and Use, 2003 (A 13.80:SRS-114) This report covers a canvass in 2002 and 2003 of primary wood-using mills in the South, and presents changes in product output and residue use since 1999. Primary mills are those that process roundwood in log or bolt form or as chipped roundwood. Text is supported by lots of graphs, tables, and maps.

North Carolina's Forests, 2002 (A 13.80:SRS-113). The resource bulletin presents findings of the seventh inventory of NC's forest resources. Included are the extent, condition, and classification of forest land, associated timber volumes, growth, removals, and mortality. It has several beautiful photographs of forests, maps, and graphs.

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Analysis of the Timber Situation in Florida, 1995 to 2025 (A 13.78:SRS-42) Covers ATLAS simulations, FIA, final harvest, forest industry, forest-management, harvest scenarios, nonindustrial private owners, partial cutting, timber projections, and yield tables.

Mechanical Removal of Chinese Privet (A 13.78:SRS-43) Chinese privet infestations can hinder regeneration of desirable species, reduce stand productivity, and have other undesirable consequences. This report describes a combined mechanical and chemical treatment applied to Chinese privet in forest stands in Georgia. Cost of removing Chinese privet was estimated to be \$737 per acre using a 110-horsepower mulching machine and a 2-person herbicide crew